

VOCAB LIST FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

1) Opportunist (p. 10 of 7th Grade Reader -- bottom left hand corner)

- a) Someone who ignores what is morally right and instead takes advantage of a situation for his own gain.
- b) noun
- c) The burglar was an opportunist, sneaking into people's homes when he knew they were away.

2) Tremble (p. 10 of 7th Grade Reader -- bottom left hand corner)

- a) to shake involuntarily, typically as a result of nervousness or excitement
- b) verb
- c) My brother was trembling with excitement when he learned we were taking a family vacation to Disney World.

#3 Signify (p. 26 of 7th Grade Reader)

- a) to be a sign of
- b) verb
- c) The lighting of the Olympic torch at the host city signifies the games have begun.

#4 Fortify (p. 28 of Reader)

- a) to strengthen a place by building military defenses (walls, trenches, etc.)
- b) verb
- c) The Americans needed to fortify the base when they heard there were enemy fighters nearby.

#5 Loathing (p. 32 -- Reader)

- a) an intense feeling of disgust or dislike; hatred
- b) noun
- c) The feeling of loathing was impossible for the hero to escape when in the company of her mortal enemy.

#6 Aloof (p. 33 -- Reader)

- a) not involved with or friendly toward people; cold and distant
- b) adjective
- c) The Akita dog breed is known for being aloof and independent; it does not seek out affection from its owners very often.

#7: Defer (ARITS)

- a) To put off or delay
- b) Verb
- c) The person deferred admission to college for a year, so he started school in the Fall of 2011.

#8: Fester (ARITS)

- a) To rot or wither
- b) Verb
- c) The wound festered on Jim's foot for weeks after he punctured it on a nail.

#9 Disheveled (p. 25 -- *A Raisin in the Sun*)

- a) Untidy; messy (usually about a person's hair, clothing, or appearance)
- b) Adjective
- c) Cynthia looked completely disheveled as she arrived home from a very long day at work.

#10 Indifferent (p. 26 and 27 -- *ARITS*)

- a) Having no particular interest or sympathy; unconcerned
- b) Adjective
- c) I watched the football game so I could be with my friends; I was indifferent about who would win the game.